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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 9-12 been added to more particularly point out Applicant's invention.

Claims 1-8 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims of copending application no. 09/487,553. Applicant will consider filing a terminal disclaimer when patentable subject matter is indicated.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Krishnan, U.S. Patent No. 6,356,631 B1 ("Krishnan"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Krishnan.

As described in the Specification, embodiments of the present invention relate to a system and method whereby a TAPI service provider may request configuration information from hardware such as a PBX. In certain embodiments, configuration information received from the hardware is stored in a list and compared to the existing configuration list. Two new lists are then generated: an added list and a deleted list. All devices in the deleted list are deleted from the internal database and deleted messages are sent to the TAPI service provider. All new devices are temporarily added to the internal database and addition messages are sent to the TAPI service provider. The new device configuration list is then saved, and the added devices are marked as permanent.

Thus, claim 1 recites

storing configuration information in a first configuration table object;
requesting update static configuration information from a telephony device;
receiving said update static configuration information; and
storing said static update configuration information for system use as a second configuration table object;
and claim 5 recites

means for storing configuration information in a first configuration table object;

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means for requesting update static configuration information from a telephony device;
means for receiving said update static configuration information; and
means for storing said static update configuration information for system use as a second configuration table object.

In contrast, while Krishnan provides an "object-oriented interface layer," it does not appear to provide, *inter alia*, first and second configuration table objects, such as update objects, as generally recited in the claims at issue. Indeed, apart from use of the term "object-oriented interface layer," Krishnan does not appear to have anything to do with a particularized method or system as claimed, and does not appear to even recognize use of *inter alia*, first and second configuration table objects as generally recited in the claims at issue. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.

For reasons similar to those discussed above, newly added claims 9-12 are likewise believed allowable.

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For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully requested,

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